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**Subject:** Re: data from R6

Sarah,

I wish I could say this data is helpful, but it just is not. First, the samples were from Aug. 6th and 7th and any information contained therein is old. Utah will release data today from Aug. 13 samples taken and we have already released data for samples taken Aug. 8th through Aug. 12th. Utah is nearly 1 week ahead of EPA on releasing data AND we provide an interpretation of the data.

Second, any viewer of the raw data could not draw any conclusions from it as there is no context provided for the data. For instance: Do the concentrations exceed drinking water MCLs? Do the concentrations exceed acute or chronic aquatic life criteria? Do the concentrations exceed human exposure and recreation criteria? Do the concentrations exceed levels that protect livestock watering?

I know you are just the messenger and that you likely feel I am a broken record -- but this is just more of the same. Feel free to forward my comments to EPA's Incident Command folks or anyone else at EPA.

We greatly appreciate your communication with us. You have by far been our best link to what EPA is doing.

Walt

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 14, 2015, at 9:31 AM, Bahrman, Sarah <[Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov](mailto:Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Erica and Walt –

Here's a link to the data from EPA region 6 that was released yesterday. The R9 data from further downstream has not yet been posted, but it should be on this same website once it's ready.

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/gold-king-mine-data-august-13-2015>

thanks

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